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Martin de Porras, the attempted assassin of the Queen of Spain, is an ex-monk of the Order of St. Francis, and took arms against the French in 1808; returned to his convent in 1814; was engaged in the events of the 7th July, 1822, on the side of the Liberals; at which time he is said to have fired a pistol at Ferdinand VII with his right hand, whilst he held out a copy of the Constitution with his left. He was arrested in 1823, and remained in 1824, when he went to France, and remained seventeen years. At the end of that time he returned to Madrid full of socialism and of hate against all government and governors, which morose disposition has increased with his increasing years. He is a man of considerable learning; is not needy; seventy ounces of gold have been found in his house, and he had twice officiated as a clergyman in the church of San Justo, taking the sacrament on the morning of his crime with the dagger concealed in his robe.—*New York Sun.*